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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Daily Reporting Division
Chief, Analysis Group
Chief, USSR Division
Chief, Joint Publications Research Service
Chief, Administrative Staff

SUBJECT : The 25th CPSU Congress

1. I would like to extend a word of appreciation to the many people in FBIS Headquarters components who participated in the planning, coordination, and plain hard work that went into the publication of a comprehensive documentary and analytic record of the 25th CPSU Congress.

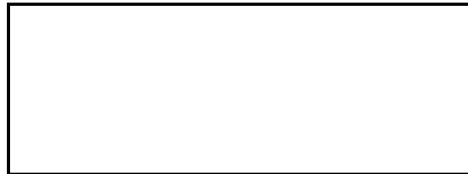
2. USSR/East Europe Branch of DRD put in long hours, including considerable weekend work, to screen, organize, and edit the voluminous Congress materials for publication in eight issues of the Daily Report and 11 Supplements. The Wire carried a well-selected file of Congress materials and serviced individual consumers via special courier runs. Communications Center personnel expedited the flow of the large volume of traffic with characteristic efficiency.

3. The amount of planning and coordination that goes into the process of producing a set of documents of this magnitude tends to get lost sight of. The Managing Editor Staff of DRD deserves special praise for the efficient manner in which arrangements were set up and implemented under difficult conditions, in the midst of the move of the [redacted] All the members of this Staff pitched in to take care of the many details. JPRS handled the typing of the Supplements against an unusually tight set of deadlines, and Administrative Staff people assisted the Managing Editor Staff in getting the copy delivered to JPRS in orderly installments.

4. The entire effort reflected commendable teamwork. USSR Division and JPRS eased the workload at the [redacted] [redacted] first by handling the voluminous speeches by First Secretaries at the republican congresses and then by assuming coverage of non-Congress materials appearing in the Soviet Republic press while the CPSU Congress was in session. UD's initiatives played a big part in these arrangements, which were well received in the field.

5. Analysis Group provided valuable guidance in the planning, coordination with key consumers, and definition of publication priorities. The combined efforts of AG's specialists in Soviet foreign policy and domestic affairs produced 35 pages of detailed analysis of the Congress over a three-week period plus two Analysis Notes on the Wire. Draft sections of the TRENDS dealing with the Congress reached consumers each Tuesday within hours after major speeches were delivered.

6. Feedback from our major consumers indicates that they were well served. I would like to add my personal compliments to the many people in all of your components who share in the credit for this fine performance.



Director

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